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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6348

BILL NUMBER: SB 125

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 7, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Committee on Child Services Oversight.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Holdman

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Committee on Child Services Oversight to oversee the delivery of child services in Indiana. The bill specifies that the committee exists until January 1, 2019. The bill also repeals the law establishing the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would create the Committee on Child Services Oversight which consists of 11 voting members (including 4 members of the General Assembly). The Committee is authorized to meet at any time during the calendar year upon the chairperson's call. The bill will also repeal the Department of Child Services (DCS) Interim Study Committee, which was set to expire on December 31, 2013.

The bill would decrease the workload of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) associated with the DCS Interim Study Committee for one year in FY 2014. However, the bill could increase LSA's annual workload in providing staffing for the Committee on Child Services Oversight beginning in FY 2014.

Expenditures totaled \$15,700 during the 2012 interim for the DCS Interim Study Committee. In recent years, the budgets for interim study committees with similar membership composition to the Committee on Child Services Oversight have totaled \$9,500. Consequently, this bill could decrease state expenditures by an estimated \$6,200 in FY 2014, which is the first year the Committee on Child Services Oversight would meet.

However, after FY 2014, additional expenditures for the Committee on Child Services Oversight could amount to \$9,500 per year based on interim study committee allocations in recent years.

The bill provides that the Committee on Child Services Oversight will expire January 1, 2019.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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